

Alabama Board of Nursing Orthopaedic Specialty Protocol

Certification Specialties Eligible: Family, Adult, Adult Gerontology, and Acute Care

Restricted Specialties: Oncology, Hospice and Palliative Care, and Pediatric

Skill/Procedure Requested: Arthrocentesis, Joint Injection of Shoulder, Elbow, Knee, Ankle, Injection of Greater Trochanteric Bursa

Skill/Procedure Exclusions: Injections of the Hip Joint

After approval from the Board of Medical Examiners, the collaborating physician and CRNP must submit an application to the Alabama Board of Nursing to Add or Change Collaborative Practice with the addition of the procedure(s) in the CRNP's protocol.

1. The application must contain documentation of an organized program of instruction:
 - a. Topic and content outline
 - b. Instructor qualification
 - c. Evaluation process
 - d. Plan for supervised practice in performing the procedures.
 2. Supervised practice must be documented on ABN/ABME form. Use a separate form for each anatomic site. Record at least 25 procedures cumulative for all sites with at least one procedure for each joint site.
 3. Submit the completed documentation for each procedure to the Alabama Board of Nursing for final review by the Joint Committee for Advanced Practice Nursing and recommendation to the Alabama Board of Nursing and Alabama Board of Medical Examiners.
- Restricted NP Specialties:** Although Joint Aspiration and Injection procedures are not generally associated with the nurse practitioner specialties of Hospice and Palliative Care, Oncology, and Pediatrics, there may be unique circumstances where the procedure would be appropriate for the protocol of an individual CRNP. The CRNP and physician must apply to the Alabama Board of Nursing and the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners, providing rationale and protocols for the procedures in their practice.